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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL
DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS**

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

**PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation
861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building
Second Floor Conference Room A
Dover, Delaware**

MINUTES APPROVED: 4/27/2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, **President**
Irvin Bowers, Public Member, **Vice President**
James Elder, LCDP, **Secretary**
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Sherry Lambertson, Public Member
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP
William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT
Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed.D., LPCMH

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist III
Rain Marrow, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Laurie Denham
Lawrence Kirby
Edith Porter

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Drevno called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Ms. Williams introduced Ms. Marrow, the new Administrative Specialist II, to the Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2016

The Board reviewed the February 24, 2016 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Brooke Denison (Application Tabled on December 9, 2015)

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LACMH application and supplemental documentation for Brooke Denison. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Emily Evans (Application Tabled on January 27, 2016)

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LACMH application and supplemental documentation for Emily Evans. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to approve the application licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request to Withdrawal LAMFT Application for Frieda Wolman (Application was PTD on January 27, 2016)

The Board reviewed Frieda Wolman's written request to withdraw her LAMFT application at this time. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young to grant Ms. Wolman's request. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled LPCMH Application for Priyanka Varghese (Application Tabled on February 24, 2016)

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LPCMH application and supplemental documentation for Priyanka Varghese. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski to approve the application for licensure by reciprocity, as it appears that Texas's statute and regulations are substantially similar to Delaware. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of LPCMH Application for Janet Wisinger (Application Tabled on December 9, 2016)

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LPCMH application for licensure by reciprocity for Janet Wisinger. The Board tabled the application on December 9, 2016, to provide Ms. Wisinger an opportunity to apply for licensure by certification, instead of reciprocity, as the Board determined that Louisiana's statute, rules, and regulations are not substantially similar to Delaware. Ms. Williams advised the Board that as of March 23, 2016, the Division of Professional Regulation had not received a request for reconsideration from Ms. Wisinger. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to propose to deny the application for licensure by reciprocity for Janet Wisinger. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of LACMH Application

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Kathryn Alabi. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LACMH licensure for Trevor Alleyne. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Carol Bouzoukis. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to propose to deny the application, as the Board determined that the North American Drama Therapy Association is not an acceptable national mental health specialty organization, as NADTA's Code of Ethics are not substantially similar to the NBCC's. Additionally, it appeared that the educational coursework lacks graduate courses in the diagnosis and treatment of mental health issues. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Lawrence Kirby. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Edith Porter. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Jennifer Benjamin. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LMFT Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for LMFT licensure by reciprocity for Lauren Rohrbaugh. Dr. Northey advised the Board that California requires licensees to pass the state exam, not the national AMFTRB exam, but it is comparable to the national examination. Dr. Northey reported that California requires additional experience hours than Delaware requires for applicants. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request of Approval of Continuing Education Activity from William Gale

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to deny the CE activity titled *Shame and Self-Loathing in the Treatment of Trauma* for William Gale. Mr. Gale requested face-to-face (interactive) continuing education credits for the course, as he reported that the course was a live-streamed course, although it is not reflected on the certificate of completion. If the certificate of completion or if the course provider verifies that the course was a live-streamed course, it would be considered as face-to-face CEs. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Hearing Officer Recommendations as a Result of Rule to Show Cause Hearings

The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer Recommendation's regarding Catherine Burke, LPCMH. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the recommended discipline to reflect that Ms. Burke must complete three hours of ethics that must be completed in a face-to-face setting. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer Recommendation's regarding Laurie Denham, LPCMH. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended discipline for Ms. Denham. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer Recommendation's regarding Pamela Fusco, LCDP. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and to modify the recommended discipline to reflect that Ms. Burke must complete twenty hours (20) of acceptable CEs, fourteen (14) hours of which must be completed in a face-to-face setting within 90 days. Ms. Fusco must complete an additional three (3) hours of ethics that must be completed in a face-to-face setting. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Request for Acceptance of Previously Accumulated Supervisory Hours for Mary Burns, LAMFT

The Board reviewed Mary Burns' request for consideration to apply hours that she previously accrued under the supervision of Lori Scott (Malloy), LCSW. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the 562 couple and family contact hours, 631 individual contact hours, and 20 supervision hours that Ms. Burns received under the supervision of Ms. Scott. Motion carried with Dr. Northey recusing.

Correspondence

Review Request for Clarification of Webinar pertaining to Acceptable Continuing Education

The Board reviewed William Gale's correspondence requesting clarification of how a webinar is classified for CEs. Ms. Williams advised the Board that she has received several inquiries requesting clarification regarding the non-interactive/real-time continuing education credits, and what the measures the Board considers "interactive". Ms. Williams requested that the Board review the regulations in order to determine if changes need to be made to address the confusion. The Board reviewed the regulations and determined that the regulations are clear. Licensees may only account for a maximum of 50% of the CE requirement for education or training that is not interactive/does not occur in real time with an instructor and students, trainees, or participants, m student has the ability to interact with an instructor, students, trainees or participants.

Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

Ms. Denham addressed the Board and suggested that the Board consider adding the word "and" in the regulations to distinguish that CE courses that are not interactive and do not occur in real time may only account for a maximum of 50%. Ms. Denham addressed the Board regarding the recommendations of the Hearing Officer, clarified responsibility, and reported that there was confusion regarding the continuing education requirements.

Mr. Kirby thanked the Board for approving his application for licensure.

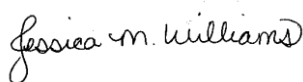
Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams

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